

# Personal Injury

**Friday 18 August 2023**

**Session 7 – 8.30am – 9.30am**

## **Asbestos litigation: Update on assessment of damages in asbestos claims**

In this session, Joanne Wade will examine the current landscape of asbestos-related law. Attendees of this presentation will gain a comprehensive understanding of the recent court decisions and emerging trends in damages in asbestos claims across Australia. The presentation will provide valuable insights and knowledge that can be applied to legal practices and overall decision-making processes in the context of asbestos-related litigation.

### **Meet the speaker**

#### **Joanne Wade, Head of National Asbestos and Dust Diseases, Slater + Gordon**

Joanne Wade is the National Head of Asbestos and Dust Diseases at Slater and Gordon and is an Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury Law. She specialises in asbestos and dust diseases claims and began practising law in 1996. Joanne leads teams of highly experienced, expert lawyers in the asbestos and dust diseases field throughout WA, NSW, ACT, QLD and Vic. She has acted for hundreds of people suffering from Mesothelioma, Silicosis, Lung cancer, Asbestosis, Asbestos-related pleural disease and Progressive Massive Fibrosis. Joanne works closely with her clients and their families during what is a very stressful time. Joanne acted in the case of *Dunning v BHP Billiton Limited* [2014] NSWDDT 3 for an employee of BHP Billiton Limited in the Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales, achieving a landmark decision on damages for pain and suffering in New South Wales.